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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement and the accompanying form PTO-1449 along with copies of the prior art therein identified. English abstracts of some of this prior art also are enclosed.



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Following is a brief explanation of the relevance of the two Japanese patent applications for which English translations have not been provided:

Published Japanese application 3-124397 describes a RAM card (i.e. a memory card) having a slidable write protect switch, shown more particularly in Fig. 4.

Published Japanese application 62-48097 likewise describes a memory card with a slidable write protect switch 2, as shown in Fig. 1.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not an admission that the documents identified herein constitute prior art to the present application.

So far as applicants are aware, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

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